

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: MAY 1, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2007-18 – Requires in certain buildings a minimum level of support for radio coverage for emergency service personnel. Sponsored by: Councilman Steven D. Ross

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Emergency service personnel have varying degrees of success in receiving and sending radio communications within certain types of multi-story residential and commercial occupancies. This bill would require such buildings to provide a minimum level of support for radio coverage for emergency service personnel. Input from emergency service agencies and from building industry representatives has been provided. The bill would apply to both new and existing buildings; existing buildings would be given time to be brought into compliance following notice from the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2007-18
2. Business Impact Statement
3. Submitted at meeting - copy of written comments by Tom McGowan

Motion made by LOIS TARKANIAN to Approve as a Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ROSS declared the Public Hearing open.

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CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED indicated this bill would apply to any building more than four stories in height, with the exception of single-family homes. It requires the ability to accomplish certain kinds of communications by radio coverage. It applies to all new and existing construction, upon notice from the City to comply. Existing structures will be given one year to comply, unless otherwise specified in the notice. Ample discussion of this bill was held with representatives of the development industry, and a Business Impact Statement was prepared. He recommended approval.

COUNCILMAN ROSS commented that this bill is in response to the various communication issues experienced on 9-11. All of the concerning entities were heavily involved in crafting it. He asked DAVID RIGGLEMAN, Director of Communications, to notify the news of the City's efforts to create a safer environment, should this bill pass.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, read and submitted his written comments.

COUNCILMAN ROSS declared the public hearing closed.

